

## **LONG BEACH MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM TALKS MAN DOWN**

The Long Beach Mental Evaluation Team (MET) 4, consisting of Officer Denise Ruiz and Marlo Bautista, R.N., was dispatched to the Edward Desmond Bridge on Veteran's Day to evaluate a 45 year-old male threatening to jump off the bridge. When the team arrived on scene, the subject had climbed on top of the walking cage and was dangling his feet off the edge. Officer Ruiz ordered the bridge to be shut down and activated the SWAT Team to get a negotiator. However, Officer Ruiz made contact with the man and spoke to him for about an hour. Officer Ruiz was able to convince him to climb down from the walking cage. The male subject was assessed and medically cleared by Long Beach Fire Department and then taken to a designated hospital.